

**PeabodySam**

**Jan 2 2009, 01:33 PM**

**OOC:** ... that's a little too easy, now, don't you think? I set up the Scorpion Orb Launcher thing to see how you guys would react, but that problem was taken care of simply by telling the Ice Drone that we were Dino Attack Agents. Then, after the three words "One hour later..." we're at the base. I was hoping for something more... but I guess we've spent enough time in the jungle. As for your post, I notice that you simply used the word "base". It's a good thing you used that word, and nothing else... as you'll see in my post.

And plus, I've still got to work Reptile into this... hmm...

Also, I'm glad to finally learn the origins of Alpha's crazy super-speed abilities. Now, all we need is to learn his limitations.

BTW, I recently tried installing the old Alpha Team game onto my computer as part of an experiment. For some reason, there's no sound at all, and since the sound effects and music were part of my experiment, I later uninstalled it. However, I was looking around in the first level, which takes place on Ogel's Island, and you can clearly see through the glass dome roof that there is, in fact, a jungle outside. Not a few scattered trees; an actual jungle.

**IC:** Reptile brought his T-1 Typhoon closer to the volcano of Ogel Island. Since that Mutant Pterosaur encounter, he'd not had any more trouble. Everything was going fine, and he saw a helicopter landing pad right next to the volcano.

Reptile frowned. There were two turrets on either side of the landing pad, presumably set up to keep away Alpha Team agents, and later Mutant Dinos. That's not what bugged him; it was that the turrets were aiming at him. What was going on? Wasn't Ogel on Dino Attack's side now? Rex picked up his radio and tuned in to the frequency that he knew most of Ogel's drones used. "This is Dino Attack Agent Reptile, requesting permission to land, I'm on a mission sent by Ogel and Specs to secure the Goo Caverns."

He heard static, and then a drone's voice: "Well, I don't know what you're doing here! You do not have permission to land! Begone, or we'll shoot you down!"

"I repeat, I'm from the Dino Attack Team, we're... teamed up with... Ogel!" Reptile spoke into the radio, still having trouble accepting that Ogel was on the Dino Attack team's side.

"Last chance, I'm warning you!" the drone on the other line replied.

"I've no time for this!" shouted Reptile. "We have to land there! It's a top-priority mission from Ogel to secure the Goo Caverns! We're getting rid of the Mutant Dinos there and helping rebuild your base!"

"Don't say I didn't warn you..." the drone whispered.

There came shots from the turret. Reptile cursed and swerved the T-1 Typhoon out of the way. It just barely made the maneuver in time. The blasts went right by the massive helicopter, but they were close enough for Reptile to realize they were missiles. Clenching his teeth, he didn't wait for the missiles to turn around as well. He put the T-1 Typhoon on full speed towards the volcano, in an attempt to get away from the missiles. He heard static on the radio, then the voices of two drones muttering to each other.

"Why did you fire at the helicopter?" "It's a trick! That's an enemy helicopter!" "You moron! That was a Dino Attack helicopter, a T-1 Typhoon!" "Wait, what?" "That's right, you just shot missiles at an ally!" "He didn't say he was from Dino Attack..." "Yes, he did! Now, give him permission to land already!" "Oh, sorry! Sorry, Dino Attack Agent, once you get away from those missiles, you have permission to - "

Reptile did not hear the last word of the sentence directed to him. An explosion cut it off. Reptile thought for a moment that the explosion was at the helicopter landing pad, but then Tail ran up to him and quickly explained that the missiles hit the tail rotor. "Remind me to tell Ogel to fire that drone," Reptile grumbled as the helicopter drew closer and closer to the volcano that which he was heading for...

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"What do you mean, 'where exactly is the Trouble Train?'" asked Rex.

"Well," replied David, "we're here, at the base, so where is it?"

Rex resisted the urge to give himself a facepalm. "When I said that we could reach the Trouble Train from the base at the volcano," he explained, "I was talking about Ogel's base, inside the volcano. I did not mean the base of the volcano, as in the foothills, where we are right now!" Indeed, the group of Dino Attack agents were finally out of the jungle and had reached the volcano's foothills.

"Next time," muttered David, "word your statements a bit better." Rex sighed and rubbed his forehead.

Seconds later, a T-1 Typhoon came down. Its side smashed against the volcano's side, and the main rotor went flying off. The entire mountain shook from the impact, and the sound of the crash was as loud as a thunderclap. However, after that, the T-1 was still. Two Dino Attack agents popped out of the wreckage. Obviously, the crash-landing was not bad enough to kill anyone inside.

They were at least a hundred feet up. Rex and his group were still at the foothills. Rex traded glances with his teammates and inquired, "Does anyone have any climbing gear?" When they didn't respond, Rex's face was grim. "I didn't think so. If this your first time climbing a mountain... be very, very careful."

"Where are we headed?" asked Greybeard.

Rex pointed to the crashed T-1 Typhoon. "First, we've got to get up there and meet up with those agents. Then, we start scaling the volcano until we reach what Froezen described as a large skull. That skull is actually a security door, and when open, it will let us through to Ogel's Control Center inside. After that, we must find the Trouble Train in the lower levels of the base. Unfortunately, this plan leaves three problems. We don't know how to reach the Trouble Train once inside... and we don't know how to open the security door once we reach it... and we must climb to a helicopter and then to a security door without any climbing gear."

"No climbing gear?" spoke up Hotwire. "I don't have any with me, but I suspect that once we reach the wrecked T-1, we can salvage some parts and make an easier way to scale the volcano."

**TakunuvaC01**

**Jan 2 2009, 03:25 PM**

OOC: Did you not read PeabodySam's post? My T-1 is higher on the mountain (300 feet up); you need to get there. By climbing. Then you can climb higher, to the base, by using the climbing supplies I'm about to provide.

IC: Reptile swore as he jumped out of the wreckage of his T-1. It probably could be salvaged, but they had an objective; reach the skull gate. Intelligence files from Alpha Team given to him by Magma the last time they met told him the layout of the skull gate area. Hopefully, the smarter Drone up in the base would have deactivated any other traps. He picked up a pair of field viewfinders and pressed a button. Immediately, he could see the party down below; a number of Dino Attack agents and other allies. He focused his view on Rex, who was leading them, and picked up something else. A PDA. It was still working. He sent a message, checking the small vehicle he had assembled as he did so.

AGENT REX AND CO., THIS IS AGENTS REPTILE AND TAIL. CAN YOU REACH OUR CURRENT POSITION? WE HAVE SOME EXTRA CLIMBING EQUIPMENT IN STORAGE. WE WILL PREPARE TO SEND IT DOWN. WATCH OUT. He sent it and then loaded whatever could fit into the box. There was a lot more stuff that would be usable in the future, but it *didn't* fit.

Reptile had intended this vehicle to be able to survive a direct blast from a Raptor. There was no question it could survive the small journey down the mountain. A shame to waste it, but whatever. Reptile pressed a switch on one of the functioning panels, and it took off... right off the edge. He was suddenly uncertain if it would make it...

His question was answered when he looked with the viewfinder again. The vehicle had shattered against the ground, but the armored carapace remained intact. Unfortunately, the landing had the unfortunate effect of throwing all four cargo crates into the air. They smashed into the ground, and everything scattered. He frowned.

"I really need to add airbags to the design next time..." Reptile muttered.

OOC: I hope that wasn't too *deus ex machina*, but rather than have people just 'magically get there', I thought I'd make things a little more interesting.

**Toa Tanak**

**Jan 2 2009, 07:37 PM**

OOC: Oops, sorry.

IC: Alpha looked up the mountainside, and gulped. David was deep in thought, supposedly calculating. Zenna was doing okay ever since she passed out, but was still a little woozy. Rex was receiving a call from Agent Reptile, and Zyra...well Zyra was thinking right along with David.

**imperial officer**

**Jan 3 2009, 02:52 AM**

IC: "I'll be back in a bit. Zyra, come with me." said David. A few minutes later they returned. David held a wooden grapple. He put a tiny bit of acid on it and the back of the rope it was attached to. He looked carefully at the top of the mountain. If he saw right, there was a bit of metal that would magnetize to the acid. He threw it at the top. To everyone's amazement it shot up. David got some more rope and put acid on that. He threw it up. It magnetized on to the other rope. "Now, let's hope we have enough rope." said David.

**Toa Tanak**

**Jan 3 2009, 12:36 PM**

IC: "That's impressive, David, but what if the rope breaks while we're climbing?" Alpha asked.

**imperial officer**

**Jan 4 2009, 02:38 AM**

IC: "We do it one at a time." replied David. He started to climb.

**imperial officer**

**Jan 4 2009, 10:53 AM**

IC: It was then that David saw what the gear was. *Climbing Gear!* "To speed things up, you could put on the climbing gear." he said.

**Lewa And Axalara**

**Jan 5 2009, 12:11 PM**

IC: Zyra noticed the climbing gear as well. He started going through it all.

**Toa Tanak**

**Jan 11 2009, 11:57 AM**

IC: Alpha watched as David and Zyra dug through the climbing gear.

**Lewa And Axalara**  
**Jan 11 2009, 03:35 PM**

IC: Zyra put on some climbing gear and threw up a grapple that caught on a tree. Zyra began climbing the rope.

**imperial officer**  
**Jan 13 2009, 03:11 AM**

OOO: Oh yeah, the reason I do post such short posts sometimes is because of writers block,  
IC: David started to climb up the mountain and checked his rope strength. He was about 20 foot off the ground when the rope became brittle and David had to go up very slowly. *I must make it to that ledge.* David was now 30 feet off the ground when his senses started to fail. *I must do it!* David was passing out but he made it somehow, then passing out. The others were so engrossed in putting the climbing gear on that they didn't see that, or the drone vehicle that picked him up.....

**Lewa And Axalara**  
**Jan 15 2009, 12:26 PM**

IC: Zyra began to pull himself up the rope. He tried not to think of breaking his neck as he climbed. Eventually he reached the last three feet. He put his arm up to grab on but slipped, he managed to catch himself just in time. With a sigh he continued up the rope, where he collapsed at the top.

**Toa Tanak**  
**Jan 15 2009, 07:16 PM**

IC: Alpha was around the middle of the climb, and started to see the top. "Come on" he said to himself. With a great push, he got himself to the top behind Zyra. Alpha decided to take a break.

**Lewa And Axalara**  
**Jan 16 2009, 01:42 AM**

IC: "Hey," said Zyra as Alpha came over the top. Then Zyra stood up and tried to walk but collapsed from the climb.

**imperial officer**  
**Jan 16 2009, 02:13 AM**

IC: David was shocked as he was taken up to the top of the mountain in the Drones Vehicle. "HEEEEEELP!" he shouted at the top of his voice. Zyra and Alpha were already up.

**Lewa And Axalara**  
**Jan 16 2009, 03:23 AM**

IC: Zyra didn't see the drone vehicle pick him up either but it did. He shouted in surprise as he fainted from exhaustion.

**imperial officer**  
**Jan 16 2009, 03:36 AM**

IC: "Zyra, are you alright?" said David before he noticed that Zyra had passed out.

**Lewa And Axalara**  
**Jan 16 2009, 12:35 PM**

IC: Zyra opened his eyes. "Yeah, I think I'm ok now." he said, "where are we?"

**imperial officer**  
**Jan 16 2009, 01:09 PM**

IC: "We're in a drone vehicle!" said David. The vehicle reached the top of the mountain. A drone approached them. "You, come with me!" it said.

**Lewa And Axalara**  
**Jan 16 2009, 02:04 PM**

IC: Alpha, David and Zyra followed the drone.  
"Where are we going?" asked Zyra.

**PeabodySam**  
**Jan 16 2009, 02:58 PM**

**OOO:** I... am... very... angry.

It has nothing to do with you guys, it has to do with an inconveniently-placed "Page Cannot Be Displayed".

Last night, I typed up a huge post about Greybeard and Rex getting to the top of the volcano, meeting up with Zyra and Alpha, Greybeard and Alpha shouting at each other, and Rex going back down the mountain. Unfortunately, after I clicked "Add Reply", I got the "Page Cannot Be Displayed" message. So, I hit the back feature, hoping to recover my post, and guess what? It was all erased!

Because of that, this post is going to be shorter than my usual posts, and will basically set up what Rex, Greybeard, Reptile, and Tail have been doing. As for Hotwire, Kat, and Helmie, I'll leave that up to Cohrii.

**IC:** Unlike David, Zyra, and Alpha, Rex did not trust the rope system David had made out of many pieces of rope and some strange magnetic acid. He was sure from his rope-climbing skills that it was not going to be easy to climb a mountain just by climbing a very long rope. In addition, he did not know what acid David used, so if its magnetic effect wore off, anyone hanging onto the rope was doomed.

So, therefore, Rex had gathered supplies from several wrecked crates that Reptile, who turned out to be one of the T-1 Typhoon riders, had sent down the volcano. It wasn't much, but with the rope, tools, and LEGO bricks he salvaged, he managed to create some old-fashioned climbing gear, enough for two. Greybeard immediately declared himself to be the second Minifig to use the climbing gear, proclaiming himself a senior citizen who should have rights that younger people (such as Hotwire, Kat, or Helmie) should not.

It had taken some time, but Rex and Greybeard had eventually climbed up to the T-1 Typhoon wreck, where they met up with Reptile and another agent codenamed Tail. They worked together to salvage more materials from the T-1 that Reptile and Tail could use to climb the mountain. Working together to help out Reptile and Tail, who did not have orthodox climbing equipment (due to having sent all of that down the mountain already), the four agents slowly but surely scaled the volcano.

Their destination was not the summit, but just a little farther down from it, where Tail said there was a large reading of metal. There turned out to be a small ledge, and on the ledge, built into the side of the volcano, was a massive iron door shaped like a skull. Rex knew this was the way to get inside the Ogel Control Center, but how would they open the door?

**TakunuvaC01**

**Jan 16 2009, 06:33 PM**

OOO: Glad to see you're back. I hate it so much when I lose posts like that, I know exactly what you mean.

On another note, I've begun writing a fragmentary RPG first post for the AT RPG. If you want, I'll send it to you, you can revise and send it on.

IC: Reptile held one of his beloved scanners. They had been mostly smashed, but this one was still functioning. He pressed a button, and it made some beeping noises and then showed an image of the gate entrance. He frowned. Ogel had designed his gates to be impregnable. Obviously, when his master plans collapsed all around his ego, he wanted to avoid being stormed by a mob- the traditional end for an evil villain who created hordes of zombies.

"I don't think we can get in by force. Unless someone has a miniaturized Iron Predator in their pocket..." he muttered as he scanned the mineral composition of the gate. as he suspected, it had been recently reconstructed after Alpha Team attacks. He tried to think like Ogel. You were locked out of your base when it was placed on high combat alert, with orders to shoot anything it saw. How would you get in?

Perhaps, if he had a functioning communicator, by threatening the drones on the inside? Reptile began to disassemble one of the broken scanning units for parts.

**Lewa And Axalara**

**Jan 16 2009, 08:54 PM**

IC: Zyra and Alpha ran towards the gate, they were just at the top.

OOC: The gates locked right?